## **Sermon-based Discussion Questions**

"A Woman to be Praised" from 8/23/2020 Proverbs 31:10-31

<u>SPOILER ALERT</u>: You may not want to read these until AFTER you have heard the sermon.

- 1. As you were growing up, what were you taught to look for in a future spouse? Why do you think that our society has such a broad range of opinions about how we define manhood and womanhood?
- 2. As you read through Proverbs 31:10-31, which particular verses jump out to you? Why? Is anything surprising?
- 3. How do you think that Christians can make sure that we are rightly understanding and living out godly manhood and womanhood in today's society? What advice would you give to someone who is wrestling with a proper understanding of femininity or masculinity?
- 4. If you are a woman, what advice or reminder would you give to men about women? If you are a man, what advice or reminder would you give to women about men? How about to a fellow man or a fellow woman?
- 5. Read 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 and Matthew 19:12. How do you think these verses compare and contrast with Proverbs 31:10-31? How would you summarize the potential value in remaining single as a Christ-follower?
- 6. Proverbs 31:30 warns that "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting." How does this compare and contrast with places in the Bible like Esther 2:12-17 and the Song of Songs? How about 1 Peter 3:3-4 which refers to the beauty of your inner self?
- 7. What are some practical ways that men and women can value each other in wise, God-honoring ways? How can we pray for each other this week?